

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to reauthorize the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Collaborative Forest  
5 Landscape Restoration Program Reauthorization Act of  
6 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORA-**  
2 **TION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION.**

3 Section 4003 of the Omnibus Public Land Manage-  
4 ment Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)(3)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “spe-  
7 cies;” and inserting “species or pathogens;”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking  
9 “and” at the end;

10 (C) in subparagraph (H), by adding “and”  
11 after the semicolon at the end; and

12 (D) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(I) address standardized monitoring ques-  
14 tions and indicators;”;

15 (2) in subsection (c)(3)(A)—

16 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the  
17 end;

18 (B) in clause (ii), by adding “and” at the  
19 end; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(iii) include a Federal Government  
22 staffing plan for providing support to  
23 collaboratives established pursuant to sub-  
24 section (b)(2);”;

25 (3) in subsection (d)—

26 (A) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
2 “and” at the end;

3 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
4 the period at the end and inserting “;  
5 and”; and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(G) proposals that seek to use innovative  
9 implementation mechanisms, including con-  
10 servation finance agreements, good neighbor  
11 agreements entered into under section 8206 of  
12 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C.  
13 2113a), and similar implementation mecha-  
14 nisms;

15 “(H) proposals that seek to reduce the risk  
16 of uncharacteristic wildfire or increase ecologi-  
17 cal restoration activities—

18 “(i) within areas across land owner-  
19 ships, including State, Tribal, and private  
20 land; and

21 “(ii) within the wildland-urban inter-  
22 face (as defined in section 101 of the  
23 Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003  
24 (16 U.S.C. 6511)); and

1                   “(I) proposals that seek to enhance water-  
2 shed health and drinking water sources.”; and  
3                   (B) in paragraph (3)—  
4                   (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
5                   “10” and inserting “20”; and  
6                   (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
7                   “2” and inserting “4”;  
8                   (4) in subsection (e)(3), by inserting “conflict  
9 resolution or collaborative governance,” before “and  
10 woody”; and  
11                   (5) in subsection (f)—  
12                   (A) in paragraph (4)(B)(ii), by striking  
13                   “\$4,000,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”; and  
14                   (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “2019  
15 through 2023” and inserting “2023 through  
16 2032”.